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REF: STATE 14756, BRUSSELS 1166, STATE 7607,
BRUSSELS 18692, BRUSSELS 18689

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EUR/NE DIRECTOR FUNSETH
(REPORTED SEPTTEL), MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL SCHOUMAKER
HAS AGAIN NOTED THE BELGIAN CONCERN ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION
OF U.S. NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES INITIALLY
VOICED IN MID DECEMBER (REFTEL B).

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT WISH TO RESUME DIALOGUE WITH
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SCHOUMAKER ABOUT U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY IN GENERAL
AND U.S.-EURATOM AGREEMENT RENEGOTIATION IN SPECIFIC
ON THE BASIS OF THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN STATE 14756.
IN OUR VIEW REITERATING THE EMPHASIS ON THE ALL TOO WELL
KNOWN POSSIBLE PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION LICENSES FOR EXPORT COULD BE
COUNTER PRODUCTIVE; THE BELGIANS NEED NOT BE REMINDED OF

THEIR RESENTMENT OVER THE WORST POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCE INVOLVED. THEY ARE INTERESTED, HOWEVER, IN THEIR REQUESTED RESPONSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET'S CONCERN THAT A "QUALITATIVE CHANGE" IN THE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD EURATOM IS IN THE OFFING (PARAS. 4 AND 6, BRUSSELS 18692). AND THEY DO NOT CONSIDER AS PREMATURE A DISCUSSION AS TO WHY THE NPT, IAEA SAFEGUARDS, EURATOM/IAEA VERIFICATION, LONDON SUPPLIER GROUP AND U.S.-EURATOM AGREEMENT UNDERTAKINGS ARE NOT FULLY ADEQUATE TO MEET U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY OBJECTIVES (BELGIAN NON-PAPER, BRUSSELS 18689).

3. EMBASSY HOPES TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THE BELGIANS A MORE POLICY ORIENTED AND DETAILED APPRECIATION OF ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE AND/OR THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF AMBASSADOR SMITH COULD PROVE USEFUL IN EXPLAINING CURRENT USG THINKING ON THESE MATTERS AND PERSUADING THE GOB TO DROP ITS OPPOSITION TO RENEGOTIATION. OLSEN

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